

COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2013
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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Frank Halderman in the Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council remained standing for a moment of silence. It was requested that cell phones either be placed on vibrate or turned off.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Wilson, Dainty, Provan, Beigle, DeCusati, Dunne, Halderman,

Members Excused: Brown, Schneider, McCullough, Confer,

Officials Present: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
Mayor Kent Addis

Staff Present: Robert Keal, HARB

Guests: Pat Long, HARB; Megan Tooker, HARB; Tami Schuster, HARB;
Pastor Will Osman; Paula Apar; Kevin Lloyd, David Carter;
Candace Dannaker;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Dunne made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bellefonte Borough Council meeting of May 8, 2013. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

WRITTEN

- A letter from Eric Ebeling requesting permission to close the 400 Block of East Beaver Street from Armor Street to Wilson Street for a Block Party on Saturday, June 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Bonita Leathers, BHCA, requesting permission to conduct some Wednesday concerts in the park from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The letter also includes a request to place containers around town seeking monetary donations to fund a 4th of July Parade.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the requests as submitted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Donna L. Reese, Secretary, Walker Township requesting the assistance of Fire company Fire Police for traffic control for the Annual Nittany Valley Benefit Auction to be held in Hublersburg on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve this request. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from Heather Heckman, Early Care and Education Program Director, YMCA of Centre County-Bellefonte Branch, requesting permission to use Governor's Park for the Summer Camp program from June 13, 2013 through August 28, 2013; Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. They also request the use of bathrooms and drinking fountains. When a pavilion is being used they will move to an available one.

Mr. Provan made a motion to approve this request as read. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- A letter from David Carter, Director of Youth Ministry, Faith Church, requesting permission to wash the Borough vehicles on a Saturday at no charge.

Mr. Beigle feels the contract to wash the Police Vehicles can be skipped one month to allow the youth to do their project to raise money for a mission trip.

Mr. Beigle made a motion to approve the request as submitted. Ms. Dainty seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

ORAL

- Candace Dannaker, C-NET Representative, and Cindy Hahn addressed Council regarding the C-NET Annual Report. They provided a visual presentation that had highlights from 2012.

The total of Bellefonte's sponsorship in 2012 is equal to 29.8 programs. Bellefonte Borough's contribution is approximately 5.32% of all the programming by all members, which is up slightly from 2011, which was approximately 5.17%. Bellefonte's programming is consistent and consistent levels of programming leads to consistent dues.

A graph was shown of all members over the last five years. Bellefonte Borough is valued at 2.13%. That is because over that five year period Bellefonte only has two years in that formula. State College Borough is the largest use of the services. All programs are offered online.

C-NET will be doing a redesign of their website to better support the online programming. The RFPs for that project have been sent out.

Centre Connect is an organization that started out many years ago, 1999-2000, as a way for government, educational and non-profit organizations to be able to develop simple websites that Centre Connect would host. Centre Connect would like to get out of the business of hosting. They would like to offer training workshops for non-profit in utilization of both existing and new technologies.

- Kevin Lloyd and his partner Paula Cipar wanted to provide an introduction for their new business. They plan to open a micro-distillery at the Match Factory. They will be using the Big Spring for water for their product. Their spirits are 40% ethanol and 60% is water. They are exploring options to get the water from the Big Spring to their facility. Mr. Lloyd explained the process to make his product. There will be a three-hour fire wall that goes around the production area—stills and fermentation tank. Their license allows them to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Their name will be Nittany Valley Spirits.

Mr. Lloyd will continue to give Council progress reports.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Beigle reported the Airport Authority is doing well. The long-term parking project is going well. The manager reported they met with United Airlines and there is the possibility that there could be a flight to Chicago.

- Ms. Dainty attended the Nittany Valley Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 16. They are updating the plan and looking at goals that have not yet been achieved and how to achieve them.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Dainty made a motion to approve the April/May exonerations. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

- Mayor Addis acknowledged the participation of Chief Shawn Weaver and the Bellefonte Police Officers in last week's 50th Anniversary of National Police Officers Memorial Day held at the Courthouse in downtown Bellefonte. Mayor Addis also notes that Greer Perryman assisted Officer Mike Dannaker of the Spring Township Police Department with the planning of the event.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

ZONING/PLANNING

- The draft minutes from the April 29, 2013 Planning Commission minutes were in the packets for review.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

COMMITTEES

Building & Property – No report.

Finance and Government Performance – Mr. Provan made a motion to file for audit the April 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$837,925.76. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to approve the vouchers as submitted.

April 2013 Vouchers

General	20857 – 20977	\$ 279,945.44
Streetlighting	887 – 898	\$ 11,533.93
Bellefonte Fire Dept.	1494 – 1513	\$ 22,220.15
Fire Equipment	206 – 208	\$ 3,686.36
Parks & Recreation	1789 – 1811	\$ 9,959.18
Water	9158 – 9223	\$ 148,209.56
Sanitation	118, 10311 – 10371	\$ 243,856.37
Refuse	2835 – 2866	\$ 66,800.80
Swimming Pool	546 – 548	\$ 11,518.00
CDBG	495 – 500	\$ 5,568.35
Special Projects	211	\$ 91.85
Highway Aid	239	\$ 6,811.50
Capital Projects	–	\$ 0.00
Bulk Water Sales	238 – 248	\$ 27,724.27
	Total:	\$ 837,925.76

- Mrs. Dunne made a motion to pay the invoice to McQuaide Blasko in the amount of \$264.60 for services rendered through April 30, 2013. Mr. Provan seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Park & Recreation – Mr. Wilson reported that the HBI Big Spring Festival was held on Sunday, May 19. He thanked Mr. Stewart and Borough employees for helping with setups and barriers as well as the Police Officers that were present. He publically thanked Gene Stocker from Stocker Chevrolet Subaru for sponsoring and tending the restocking of Bellefonte's famous trout. Trout were provided by Mr. Stocker via the Elk Creek Hatchery in Millheim. Mr. Wilson also thanked a new generation of volunteers that chaired the event for the first time, Sheila Brewer and Stephanie Houser Whitesell.

- At the next meeting of the Joint Recreational Authority they will establish their officers. At the July 2013 meeting Park & Recreation members should attend.

- Mr. DeCusati received a request from two residents asking for benches in Masullo Park.

Human Resources – Mr. Provan made a motion to create the following two positions: Keystone Community Development Coordinator Position, which is a contracted position that would renew annually; Administrative Assistant to Russell Shuey, which would be a part-time position. Mrs. Dunne seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Safety – No report.

Water/Sanitation – There was an Authority meeting on Tuesday, May 14. A lot of things were discussed and it was a good meeting.

- The new street sweeper is in and operational.

Streets – Mr. DeCusati reported there was a request to examine an intersection and the potential for a crosswalk at Bishop Street near Parkview Heights.

- Mr. Stewart will contact Allegheny Power regarding additional lighting on Cherry Lane.

Energy & Environmental Conservation – There was no report.

Junior Council Report – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart reported the January and February exonerations were approved as part of the March report.

- Mr. Stewart reported the Borough Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. Monday's refuse collection will be on Wednesday, May 29.

- Mr. Stewart reported the IDA met and handled an issue with the Garman. He would like to discuss it at a work session.

- Mr. Stewart thanked all the HBI people that helped with the Big Spring Festival.

- The Borough crew picked up electronics at riff-raff but they have been sorted out. In the Borough Newsletter it does state the Borough will not pick up electronics on a regular collection day.

- Mr. Holderman reported the Nittany Valley Recreation Authority has not determined who the solicitor will be for that Authority. Council has no opposition to them hiring Tom Schrack.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart reported the Authority will be making a grant application to the PennWorks Program for both water and wastewater upgrades. The details of the grant application are being worked on.

- Mayor Addis reported the Children's Fair on Armor Street and Curtin Street will be on Saturday, June 1.

- The Chamber of Commerce Croquet Tournament will be held on Sunday, June 2.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no other business to come before Council Ms. Dainty made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 20, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. Mr. DeCusati seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Following the meeting Council went into Executive Session to discuss some real estate.